

NEBRASKA WEATHER & CROPS

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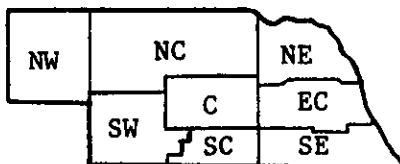
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged 20 to 25 degrees below normal with numerous minimum extremes reaching 20 degrees below. Precipitation was light in most sections. In the East Central and Northeast amounts were generally less than .1 of an inch. Elsewhere .1 to .2 was common.

GENERAL

The coldest January of record plus nearly a foot of snow cover across most of the State has burdened many farmers and ranchers in the care and feeding of livestock. Snow removal, farm records, meetings and general machinery maintenance were the main activities during the month.

CROPS AND FEED SUPPLIES

The State's winter wheat condition, as of February 3, was rated as 43% good, 50% fair, and 7% poor, about equal to a year ago. Due to snow cover, range and pasture supplies were rated below average in over 80% of the counties. Extended cold weather and snowcover has required

CROPS AND FEED SUPPLIES (Cont.)

heavy hay and forage usage; however, nearly 70% of the counties report average or better supplies remaining. Most North Central counties reported that hay and feed supplies were tightening.

LIVESTOCK

The severe winter weather has put tremendous stress on livestock, slowing weight gains and making feeding, watering and general care difficult. Heavy feed requirements have been necessary just to maintain animals. Many herds are now in a weakened condition. Ranchers are hoping for a break in the weather before the main calving season begins in March.

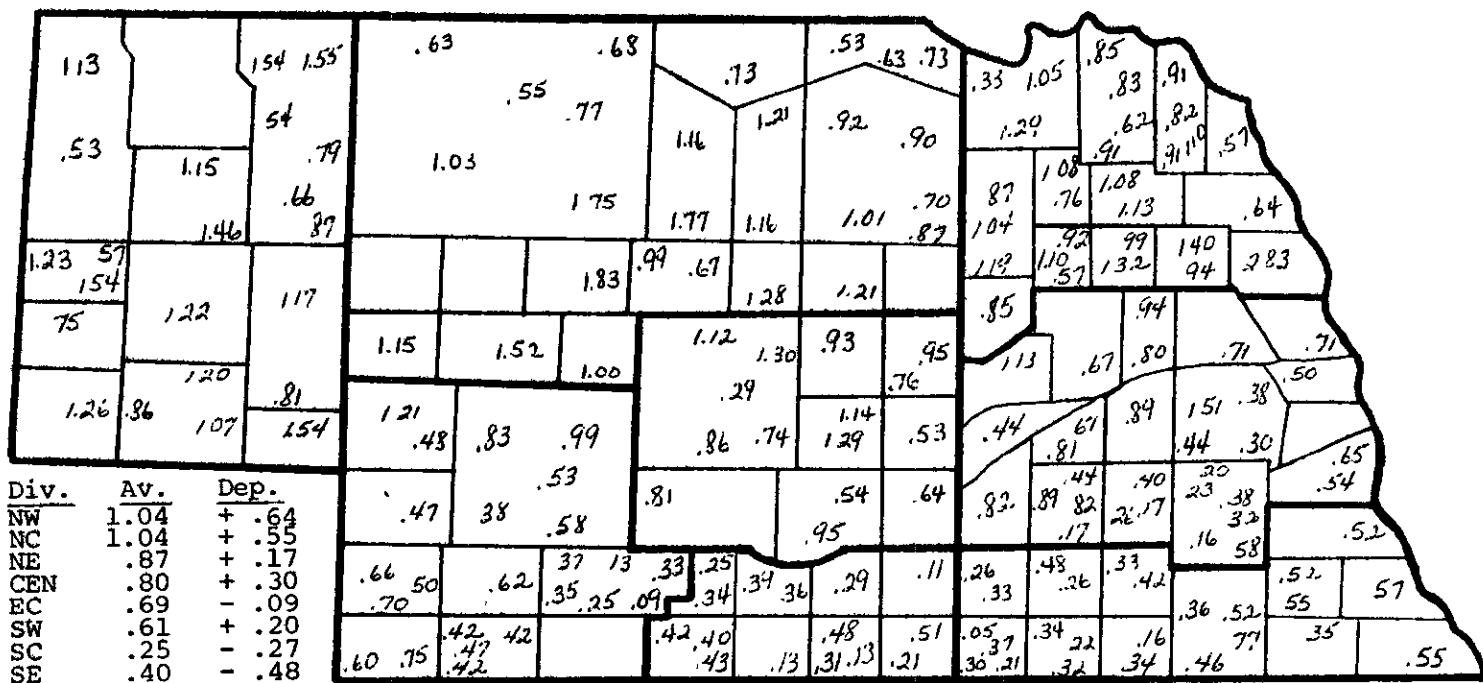
Grazing of winter pastures and fall crop residues has been well below normal, due to snow cover.

Selling of a few cattle was reported late in January in some North Central localities due to weather and dwindling feed supplies. Some early calving has started. Statewide, about the usual number of livestock deaths have been reported to date. However, a few cases of heavy losses to young pigs, calves and feeder cattle occurred last month.

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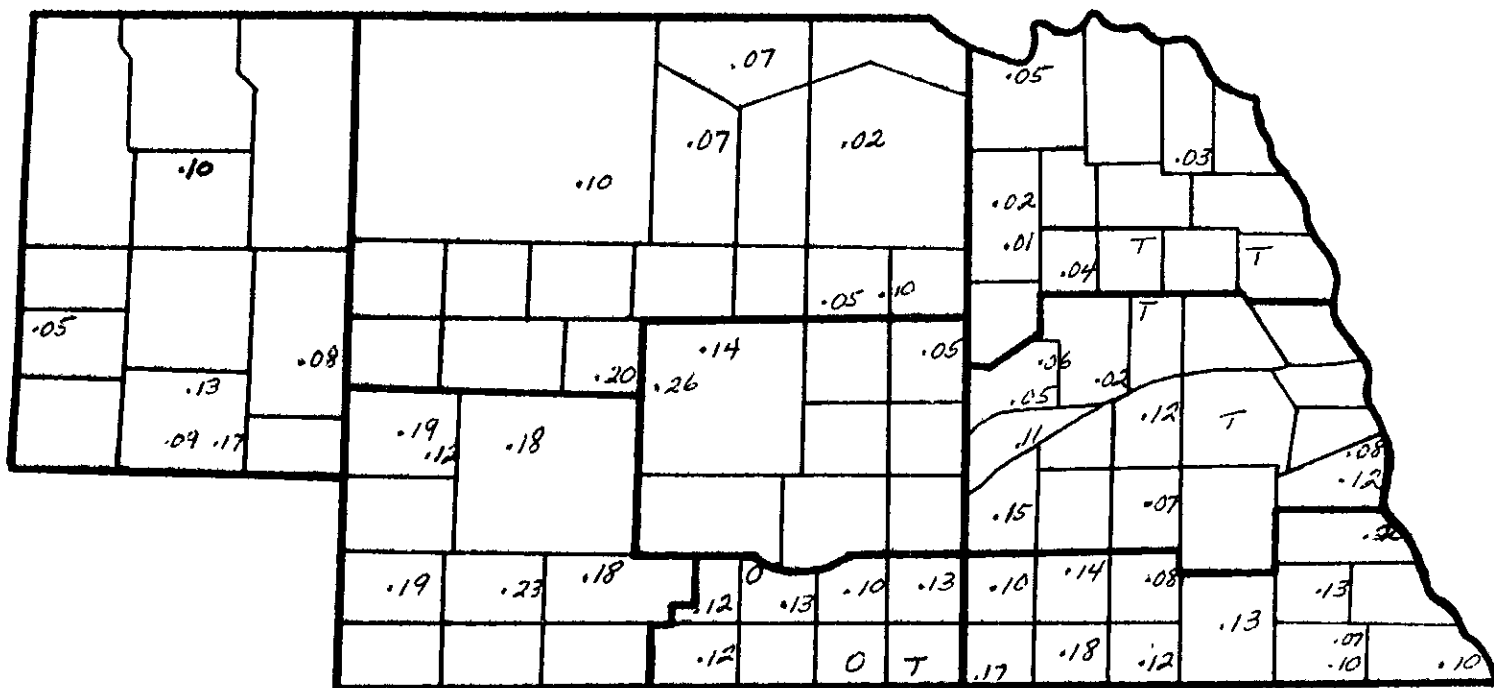
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1978 1/



1/ Courtesy Conservation & Survey Division, University of Nebraska.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1979



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1979

Station		Temperature			Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	26	-21	1	--
	Scottsbluff	28	-12	4	-23
	Sidney	28	-12	--	--
NC	Burwell	23	-23	3	--
	Valentine	19	-21	-5	-27
NE	Norfolk	19	-20	-4	-25
	Sioux City	12	-24	-5	-25
CEN	Grand Island	20	-19	-2	-26
EC	Lincoln	14	-24	-2	-26
	Omaha	11	-13	-2	-24
SW	Imperial	29	-13	5	--
	North Platte	23	-20	-4	-29

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.